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1. The new East German Central Institute for Testing Sera and Vaccines

- a. The new institute is now built; its official title and address are:

Institut fuer Serum - und Impfstoffpruefung
Berlin-Pankow
Wollankstrasse 16The institute is controlled by the East German Ministry of Health
(Hauptabteilung Hygiene-Inspektion).

- b. In spite of former Ministry doubts, Dr. Sorgenfrei, formerly of the
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- Zentralstelle fuer Hygiene, Bautzen, has been appointed director. He
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- has taken up his new post and now, in March 1952, he is engaged in
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- equipping the new institute.

- c. The institute has a planned staff of 33. The five most important posts
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- and their respective requirements are as follows:

1 director	:	to be a bacteriologist and serologist
1 deputy director	:	to be a medical doctor with serological experience and to be in charge of the testing of antitoxins
1 scientific assistant	:	to be a medical doctor or veterinarian and to be in charge of the experimental animals and of the laboratory for vaccines and bacteriophages
1 licensed chemist	:	to be head of the laboratory for testing disinfectants
1 scientific assistant	:	for antitoxins and sera

There are to be 10 technical assistants, a nutritive media preparer,

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4 female laboratory assistants, and various secretaries, charwomen, messengers, and other ancillary employees.

- d. On 3 March 1952, the East German Ministry of Health formally outlined the assignments of this new institute. They are as follows:

"For all human serum preparations and vaccines produced in East Germany, the institute will

- (1). test the sera for sterility, albumen content, neutrality (Unschaedlichkeit), quality;
- (2). test the vaccines for neutrality, sterility;
- (3). test diphtheria protective vaccine for neutrality, sterility, quality in comparison with standard preparations.

"... The institute will take samples of all preparations that have been tested; these will be further tested after six months, one year, and two years, to determine if the preparation should remain in circulation...."

2. The new Institute for Rabies Vaccine at Potsdam

- a. The East German Ministry of Health has set up a new institute, for the production of rabies vaccine and the treatment of rabies cases. The institute is known as the Institut fuer Tollwutschutzimpfung. It is situated at Potsdam, Tornowstrasse 21/22 (telephone Potsdam 1112).
- b. Professor Dr. Friedrich Satorius is director of this institute. He has an establishment for a staff of 27; this figure includes everyone from the professor himself to two charwomen.
- c. The institute was only recently built; it was supposed to be finished in August 1951, but was not ready until some time later. Now, in March 1952, the equipping of the institute is proceeding. Great difficulty has been experienced in attempts to procure large sterilizers, autoclaves, an animal incinerator, and other equipment.
- d. The institute has not yet obtained all the experimental animals it needs; mice are particularly needed. The director reported to the Ministry of Health on 9 February 1952 that he was hoping to obtain animals at a reasonable price from the ~~Lebenseinstalt~~ fuer Kleintierzucht, Oranienburg. The possibility of an exchange of animals with the Robert Koch Institute, Berlin, is also being investigated.
- e. The personnel plan for the institute provides for:

director	
administrative section	: 4 posts
technical administration	: 3 posts (driver, messenger, domestic supervisor)
vaccine department	: 8 posts (5 medical technical assistants for vaccine preparation
	1 supervisor and nutritive media preparer and assistant
	1 animal keeper for an average of 200 rabbits and also for wethers, mice, and guinea pigs)

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- clinical department : 4 posts (1 medical doctor, 2 nurses, and an
assistant for treatment of cases)
miscellaneous : 7 posts (charwomen, mechanics, bottle-washers).
- f. Two of the medical technical assistants mentioned above were trained in 1951
by Professor Boecker of the Robert Koch Institute.
- g. It is thought likely, in the East German Ministry of Health, that the
institute will soon be working normally.

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